MEMORANDUM FOR: Ad Hoc Working Group for the Review of the
SIGINT Committee Functions and Organizations

SUBJECT : SIGINT Committee Organization and Function

1. Subsequent to our last meeting several months ago, the Ad Hoc
Group report was completed and submitted to the D/DCI/IC. In his review,
General Wilson had questions which required some additional coordination,
within the headquarters building, concerning office space and administrative
support. This problem was worked out and a final recommendation was
submitted to the DCI for his consideration and approval.

2. In his review of the Committee recommendation, the DCI suggested
some minor changes in the draft DCID. These changes are underlined in
the attached draft. Mr. Colby then approved the Working Group's recom-
mendations which provides for an augmentation of the Chairman, SIGINT
Committee's work force to include a small staff of SIGINT officers. The
draft DCID 6/1 has been circulated to the Board for consideration and
vote-sheet action. It is not currently an agenda item for a USIB meeting.

3. Also attached are copies of the final report to General Wilson and
the letter which he submitted to Mr. Colby. This should complete the
Ad Hoc Committee's work on this problem. As we close this task, I want
to express my appreciation for the assistance each of you provided during
the review and commend you for your patience and understanding in the 25X1
time required to complete the action.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : The SIGINT Committee

1. In April this year, DDS&T and DDI joined in asking the D/DCI/IC to sponsor a review of the SIGINT Committee functions. They believe there should be a reorganization of USIB mechanisms

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2. An ad hoc group, chaired by ⬜ has now completed this review. The Group has considered various organizational arrangements to accommodate those SIGINT functions which support the DCI and USIB. Suggestions ranged from the idea of abolishing the Committee altogether to recommendations that a whole new complex of working groups be established for the individual SIGINT disciplines (COMINT, Telemetry, etc).

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3. The Group concludes that there is a continuing need for a SIGINT Committee. It rejects the suggestion to restructure the SIGINT Committee according to the separate SIGINT disciplines; but accepts the need for improvements in the Committee's ability to deal effectively with all facets of the SIGINT system's responsiveness to user requirements.

4. To satisfy this need, the Group believes that the SIGINT Committee should have assigned to it a small staff of SIGINT officers. It believes that a new directive should be issued to replace the one of April 1965 under which the Committee now operates. This, together with your Letter of Instruction to the Chairman, should provide a clear definition of the role you expect the SIGINT Committee to play.

5. The augmentation would be provided by individuals being detailed to the staff from appropriate USIB Agencies/Departments. These personnel would be assigned to duty with the SIGINT Committee by their parent organizations, working out of the Chairman's secretariat office in the CIA Headquarters building.

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6. I recommend that you:

    a. Authorize the Chairman of the SIGINT Committee to establish, with the advice and approval of the Committee, a small staff of SIGINT officers to serve the Chairman and the Committee in fulfilling their responsibilities.

    b. Approve the attached DCID on the SIGINT Committee for distribution to the USIB.

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/Samuel V. Wilson
Lieutenant General, USA
D/DCI/IC

Attachment
  As stated

Approve:

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Director of Central Intelligence

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